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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

IMAMURA, et al.

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For:

**HEPARIN-BINDING PROTEINS MODIFIED WITH
SUGAR CHAINS, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE
SAME AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING THE SAME**

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2000, the due date for response to which is hereby extended by two months by virtue of a Petition for Extension of Time to Saturday, March 3, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, please delete the text beginning with "Fig. 4 shows SDS-denatured..." and ending with "... *E. coli*-derived FGF-1a" on lines 24-29, and insert the following text in its place:

-- Fig. 4A shows SDS-denatured electrophoregrams of S/FGF-1a-II Protein.

Fig. 4B shows SDS-denatured electrophoregrams of N-FGF-1a-IV and O-FGF-1a Proteins.

Fig. 5A shows the DNA synthesis promoting activity on HUVEC of S/FGF-1a-II.